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SUBJECT: PHARMACISTS STRIKE

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1. STRIKING PHARMACISTS EMPLOYED BY STATE MINISTERIES OF HEALTH  
CALLED OFF STRIKE ACTION  
AUGUST 4 AND RETURNED TO WORK AUGUST 5, 1977 AFTER FEDERAL  
MINISTRY OF ESTABLISHMENTS AGREED TO JOIN REPRESENTATIVES  
OF NIGERIAN UNION OF DISPENSING ASSISTANTS (NUDA) AND  
FEDERAL MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND LABOR AT NEGOTIATING TABLE.

2. TRIPARTITE NEGOTIATING PANEL CONSISTING OF REPRESENTATIVES  
OF THREE PARTIES WILL MEET AUGUST 18, 1977 TO CONSIDER  
UNION'S DEMANDS FOR PAY INCREASES, AND CHANGING DESIGNATION  
OF "DISPENSING ASSISTANTS" TO "PHARMACY TECHNICIANS."

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3. FMG HANDLED STRIKE ACTION MUCH MORE ADROITLY THAN 1976  
STRIKE OF BANK EMPLOYEES. WE UNDERSTAND INITIAL NEGOTIATIONS  
WERE HELD BETWEEN STATE MINISTERIES OF HEALTH AND STRIKING  
WORKERS RATHER THAN BY FMG MINISTRY OF HEALTH. THUS  
GOVERNMENT DID NOT TAKE OFFICIAL COGNIZANCE OF STRIKE AND  
FEEL FORCED TO TAKE POLICE ACTION TO RETURN WORKERS TO  
THEIR JOBS. WE HAVE ALSO HEARD THAT NATIONAL SECURITY

ORGANIZATION OFFICIALS CALLED ON UNION LEADERS "UNOFFICIALLY"  
AND URGED THEM TO NEGOTIATE IN GOOD FAITH IN ORDER TO  
SOLVE PROBLEM WITHOUT FORCING FMG'S HAND.

4. THE FMG'S APPROACH SUGGESTS ITS SENSITIVITY TO  
INCREASING RESTIVENESS OF LABOR LEADERS WHICH HAS  
GRADUALLY DEVELOPED AS RESUL OF A) DELAY IN ESTABLISHING NEW  
UNION ORGANIZATIONS, B) INCREASING FINANCIAL PROBLEMS OF  
WORKERS.

5. STRIKERS PROBABLY WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO DRAW  
FULL SALARIES FOR AUGUST UNDER PROVISIONS OF NEW TRADE  
DISPUTES (AMENDMENT) DECREE 54 OF 1977 DISALLOWING PAY  
DURING PERIODS WORKERS ARE ON STRIKE. THIS NEW DECREE MAY  
SPARK ANOTHER CONTROVERSY BETWEEN UNION AND GOVERNMENT IF  
IT IS ENFORCED.  
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